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SUBJECT: SSOD: DRAFTING GROUP ACTIVITIES ON DECLARATION

1. SMALL INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP ON DECLARATION MET AFTER-  
NOON JUNE 12 TO TRY TO REMOVE ADDITIONAL BRACKETS FROM TEXT  
OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES SECTION. WHILE NO PROGRESS WAS  
MADE IN THIS MEETING, ADDITION CLARIFICATION OF POSITIONS  
ON REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUES SHOULD LEAD TO RELATIVELY  
BRACKET-FREE AD REFERENDUM TEXT OF FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF  
DECLARATION (REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND GOALS AND PRIORITIES)  
BY WEEK'S END.

2. ON JUNE 13, FULL DRAFTING GROUP ON DECLARATION MET TO  
CONSIDER FEW REMAINING BRACKETS IN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL  
SECTION. FOLLOWING TEDIOUS AND INCONCLUSIVE DEBATE ON  
PARA. 8 OF THIS SECTION, DRAFTING GROUP TURNED TO FIRST  
READING OF PRINCIPLES SECTION OF DECLARATION. NO FINAL  
DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON PARA ONE OF THIS SECTION,  
ALTHOUGH CONSENSUS MAY BE EMERGING ON SHORT ONE-SENTENCE  
PRINCIPLE: "ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO AND STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE  
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PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS," DELETING SELECTIVE ELABORATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES  
AND PURPOSES.

3. IN SECOND PARA OF PRINCIPLES, WORDS IN MIDDLE AND AT  
END OF PARAGRAPH WERE DELETED, THEREBY REMOVING TWO SETS  
OF BRACKETS. THERE REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF CHARACTERIZING

THE "ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY" OF THE UN IN DISARMAMENT AS "THE" OR "A" "PRIMARY," "THE" OR "A" "CENTRAL." NON-ALIGNED SOUGHT CONSENSUS ON "THE CENTRAL." SOVIETS, LATER IN DAY, ARGUED FOR "THE PRIMARY," (WHICH WAS ORIGINAL NON-ALIGNED TEXT) IN EXCHANGE FOR NON-ALIGNED CONCESSIONS IN PARA. 6 ON VERIFICATION. (NOTE: SOVIETS SEEKING VERIFICATION PARA MUCH ALONG LINES US INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 145958. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN REMOVING SINGLE SET OF BRACKETS, FROM PARA. 3. DRAFTING GROUP WILL CONTINUE FIRST READING OF PRINCIPLES AT MORNING MEETING JUNE 14.).

4. DURING INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP ON DECLARATION AFTER-NOON OF JUNE 13, GDR COORDINATOR KRUTSYCH SUGGESTED FOLLOWING COMPROMISE OF PARA 2 OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES SECTION REGARDING NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. "AMONG SUCH MEASURES, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY." TO THIS END, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO REMOVE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO HALT AND REVERSE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE UNTIL THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR DELIVERY SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED, AND TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." THIS SIMPLIFIED FORMULA ELIMINATES BRACKETED SOVIET-SPONSORED REFERENCE TO "STOPPING THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS," AND ELIMINATES BRACKETED (BY WEST AND EAST) PAKISTANI TEXT AT END OF PARAGRAPH  
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WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN SHORTENED TO SIMPLY, "ON A UNIVERSAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS." IT ALSO REJECTS A US SUGGESTION TO INSERT WORDS "AND AT THE SAME TIME," BEFORE "PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." FINALLY, IT MAKES A COMPROMISE BETWEEN CONFLICTING NON-ALIGNED AND WESTERN (PRIMARILY UK) REFERENCES TO "HIGHEST PRIORITY" ACCORDED NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. THIS SEEMINGLY INNOCUOUS PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN CAUSING MANY PROBLEMS IN DRAFTING GROUP. THEREFORE, IN US DEL'S VIEW WE SHOULD ACCEPT COMPROMISE QUOTED ABOVE, AND WE REQUEST EARLIEST INSTRUCTIONS TO THAT EFFECT. THIS WOULD ALLOW US GRACIOUSLY TO WITHDRAW ITS ALTERNATIVE, PRESENTLY FOOTNOTED, AND SET A BETTER TONE FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON PRINCIPLES, WHICH PROMISE TO BE DIFFICULT.

5. DRAFTING GROUP AND INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP WILL CONTINUE THEIR WORK ON DECLARATION SECTION ON PRINCIPLES JUNE 14. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT EVENING MEETINGS WILL BE NECESSARY TO REACH CONSENSUS TEXT BY JUNE 21 DEADLINE.  
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